

Message Box - General Public

These bonds, which are at least 30 years old, represent a forgotten fortune

- The \$15.5 billion represents 38 million unredeemed savings bonds.
- These bonds, sold between 1941 and 1977, are no longer gaining interest.
- Even if the original bond owner is deceased, this money can be claimed in a few simple steps.

It's your money

- You, or a member of your family, invested money in the federal government – with the expectation of a return.
- Depending on when they were purchased, these bonds are worth at least 4 times their face value
 - This is money you can use for a vacation, home remodeling or to reinvest.

Earnings are exempt from state and local income taxes.

- Redeeming these bonds usually has little or no impact on a person's tax liability.
- Federal income taxes are paid only on the interest earned

If your savings bonds are over 30 years old, take them to your bank and cash them in.

It's easy to get paid

- Use Treasury Hunt web site to track bonds that have stopped earning interest and learn more about locating and replacing lost bond you or your relatives may still own (www.treasuryhunt.gov).
- A review of safe deposit boxes and family financial files can turn up forgotten bonds.
- Take your bonds to your bank to get them cashed.

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